

# Meet Jibril Rajoub, A Possible Successor to Mahmoud Abbas

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**Beginning in 2016**, Jibril Rajoub has been talked about in the Palestinian Authority as a possible successor to Mahmoud Abbas, whenever the latter finally decides, after almost two decades into his four-year term as President For Life, that having made his half-billion dollars – he’s almost there – it’s time to retire and play with his grandchildren in whose foreign bank accounts, after all, a good deal of their kindly grampa’s loot has been parked.

A few months ago, Rajoub went on an antisemitic rant on Facebook, likening Israel’s treatment of the Palestinians to the Nazi treatment of Jews. Let’s be thankful that, unlike Abbas himself in his doctoral dissertation, at least Rajoub did not engage in Holocaust denial – rather, he practiced

“Holocaust appropriation.” A report on his Facebook frenzy is [\*Jihad Watch\*](#).